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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicants: Yasuo HIRA et al.
Serial No.: 09/923,427
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For: META AND CASE DATABASE DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION
SYSTEM AND METHOD OF IMPLEMENTING RULE BASED
SOLUTIONS TO CUSTOMER AND COMPANY SPECIFIC
ENGINEERING PROBLEMS
Group: 2121
Examiner: M. Bell

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

March 3, 2005

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 4, 2004, the period for reply thereto being extended one month by the attached Petition for Extension of Time to expire March 4, 2005, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 3.

Remarks are included following the amendments.